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I WAS CALLED ELECTROMAN! I CAN STILL GIVE OFF A BOLT!
I WAS ATOM KING, MIGHTIEST MAN ON MY WORLD!
I WAS THE LAST GREEN LANTERN! I WAS SENT HERE WHEN I GREW TOO OLD TO FIGHT CRIME!
AND I WAS SUPERMAN ON THE PLANET EARTH! BUT LIKE THE REST OF YOU, I'VE OUTLIVED MY USEFULNESS! NO ONE WANTS ME AROUND ANY MORE!
THE OLD HEROES' HOME
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"THE HOME FOR OLD SUPER-HEROES!"

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.
THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO IN THIS HOME FOR RETIRED SUPER-HEROES! I COULD NAP, OR PLAY GIANT CHECKERS, LIKE THOSE OTHER SENIOR SUPER-BEINGS...BUT I'D RATHER USE MY HEAT VISION TO "WHITTLE" THESE LOGS INTO STATUES OF MY LONG-DEAD FRIENDS!
MORE THAN 100,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, CRIME HAS VANISHED... WARS ARE NO MORE...EVEN ACCIDENTS HAVE BECOME RARE. SO WHERE DOES A SUPER-HERO FIT IN? WHO NEEDS SUPERMAN IN A PEACEFUL UNIVERSE? NO ONE, APPARENTLY... SO HE'S SENT TO JOIN OTHER FORGOTTEN CHAMPIONS OF THE GLORIOUS PAST, IN...
"The HOME FOR OLD Super-Heroes!"
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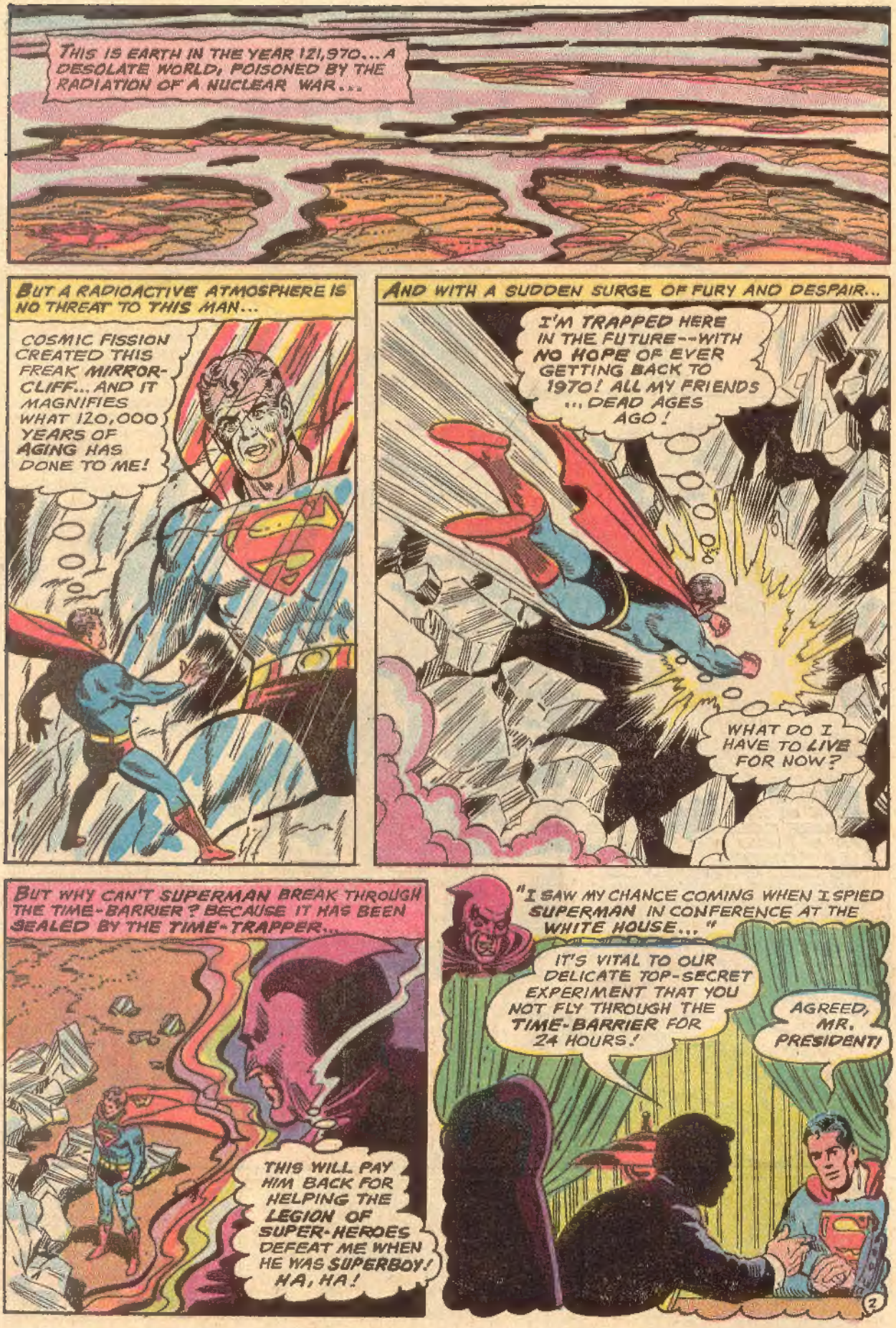
THIS IS EARTH IN THE YEAR 121,970... A DESOLATE WORLD, POISONED BY THE RADIATION OF A NUCLEAR WAR...
BUT A RADIOACTIVE ATMOSPHERE IS NO THREAT TO THIS MAN...
COSMIC FISSION CREATED THIS FREAK MIRROR-CLIFF... AND IT MAGNIFIES WHAT 120,000 YEARS OF AGING HAS DONE TO ME!
AND WITH A SUDDEN SURGE OF FURY AND DESPAIR...
I'M TRAPPED HERE IN THE FUTURE--WITH NO HOPE OF EVER GETTING BACK TO 1970! ALL MY FRIENDS ... DEAD AGES AGO!
WHAT DO I HAVE TO LIVE FOR NOW?
BUT WHY CAN'T SUPERMAN BREAK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER? BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SEALED BY THE TIME-TRAPPER...
THIS WILL PAY HIM BACK FOR HELPING THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES DEFEAT ME WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY! HA, HA!
"I SAW MY CHANCE COMING WHEN I SPIED SUPERMAN IN CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE..."
IT'S VITAL TO OUR DELICATE TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENT THAT YOU NOT FLY THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER FOR 24 HOURS!
AGREED, MR. PRESIDENT!

"BUT MY FOE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS WAITING FOR HIM AT HIS ARCTIC FORTRESS..."
GREAT KRYPTON! AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS FROM THE DISTANT FUTURE! I CAN'T IGNORE IT... BUT I MUSTN'T BREAK MY PROMISE TO THE PRESIDENT, EITHER! WHAT A FIX!
SUPERMAN YOUR HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN YEAR 101,970 COORDINATES X78-543/20
"HIS SOLUTION WAS TO USE A DISCARDED LEGION TIME-BUBBLE IN HIS FORTRESS! HOWEVER, THE MACHINE WAS DEFECTIVE..."
THIS BUBBLE WON'T DISRUPT THE TIME BARRIER AS I WOULD ALONE! I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? IT SEEMS TO BE FUNCTIONING FINE!
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"SUPERMAN SOON FOUND OUT UPON ARRIVAL WHAT THE IMPERFECTION WAS-- AND ITS HORRIBLE EFFECT ON HIM..."
MOONS OF KRYPTON! THE TIME BUBBLE TRANSPORTED ME TO THE YEAR 101,970... BUT I AGED EVERY YEAR ALONG THE WAY! I'M OVER 100,000 YEARS OLD NOW!
"REFUSING TO PANIC, SUPERMAN PERFORMED THE EMERGENCY MISSION, AND PREPARED TO RETURN TO 1970..."
FAREWELL, SUPERMAN! AND THANK YOU!
HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY BACK TO YOUR OWN ERA!
THE TIME BUBBLE'S DEFECT SHOULD REVERSE ITSELF ON THE WAY BACK-- AND MAKE ME YOUNG AGAIN!
"AND THEN I INTERVENED..."
SOME SORT OF OBSTRUCTION... SEALING OFF THE TIME-BARRIER! IT SEEMS IMPENETRABLE!
NEITHER THE BUBBLE NOR SUPERMAN HIMSELF COULD BREAK THROUGH! THE PAST IS FOREVER OFF-LIMITS TO HIM! AND HE CAN'T DIE, BECAUSE SOME HEROES OF THIS AGE MADE HIM IMMUNE TO ALL HIS WEAKNESSES!
NOW HE CAN ONLY TRAVEL FARTHER INTO THE FUTURE, AS HE HAS ALREADY DONE ONCE!
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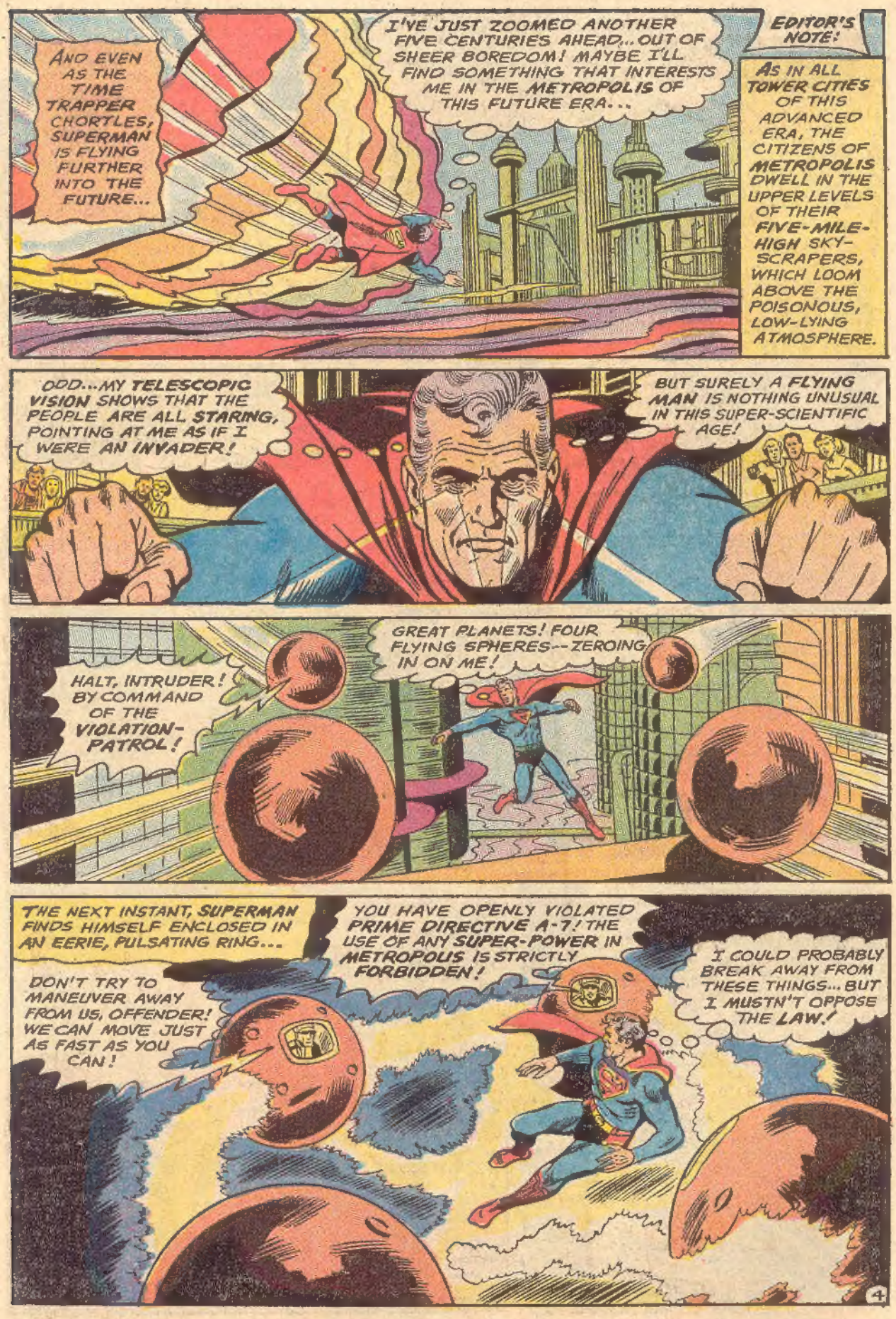
AND EVEN AS THE TIME TRAPPER CHORTLES, SUPERMAN IS FLYING FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE...
I'VE JUST ZOOMED ANOTHER FIVE CENTURIES AHEAD... OUT OF SHEER BOREDOM! MAYBE I'LL FIND SOMETHING THAT INTERESTS ME IN THE METROPOLIS OF THIS FUTURE ERA...
EDITOR'S NOTE:
AS IN ALL TOWER CITIES OF THIS ADVANCED ERA, THE CITIZENS OF METROPOLIS DWELL IN THE UPPER LEVELS OF THEIR FIVE-MILE-HIGH SKY-SCRAPERS, WHICH LOOM ABOVE THE POISONOUS, LOW-LYING ATMOSPHERE.
ODD...MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE ALL STARING, POINTING AT ME AS IF I WERE AN INVADER!
BUT SURELY A FLYING MAN IS NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THIS SUPER-SCIENTIFIC AGE!
HALT, INTRUDER! BY COMMAND OF THE VIOLATION-PATROL!
GREAT PLANETS! FOUR FLYING SPHERES--ZEROING IN ON ME!
THE NEXT INSTANT, SUPERMAN FINDS HIMSELF ENCLOSED IN AN EERIE, PULSATING RING...
DON'T TRY TO MANEUVER AWAY FROM US, OFFENDER! WE CAN MOVE JUST AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
YOU HAVE OPENLY VIOLATED PRIME DIRECTIVE A-7! THE USE OF ANY SUPER-POWER IN METROPOUS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!
I COULD PROBABLY BREAK AWAY FROM THESE THINGS... BUT I MUSTN'T OPPOSE THE LAW!
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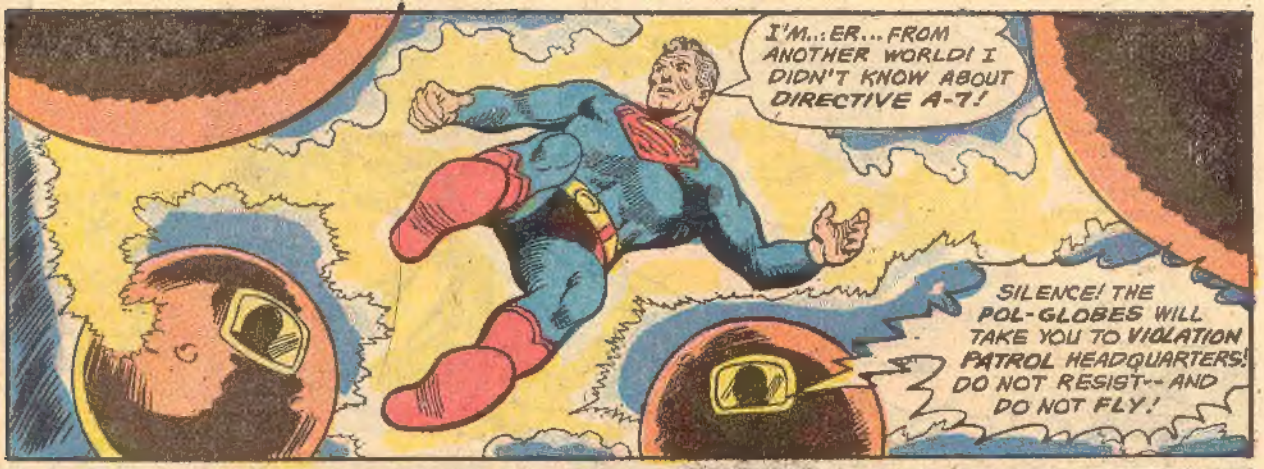
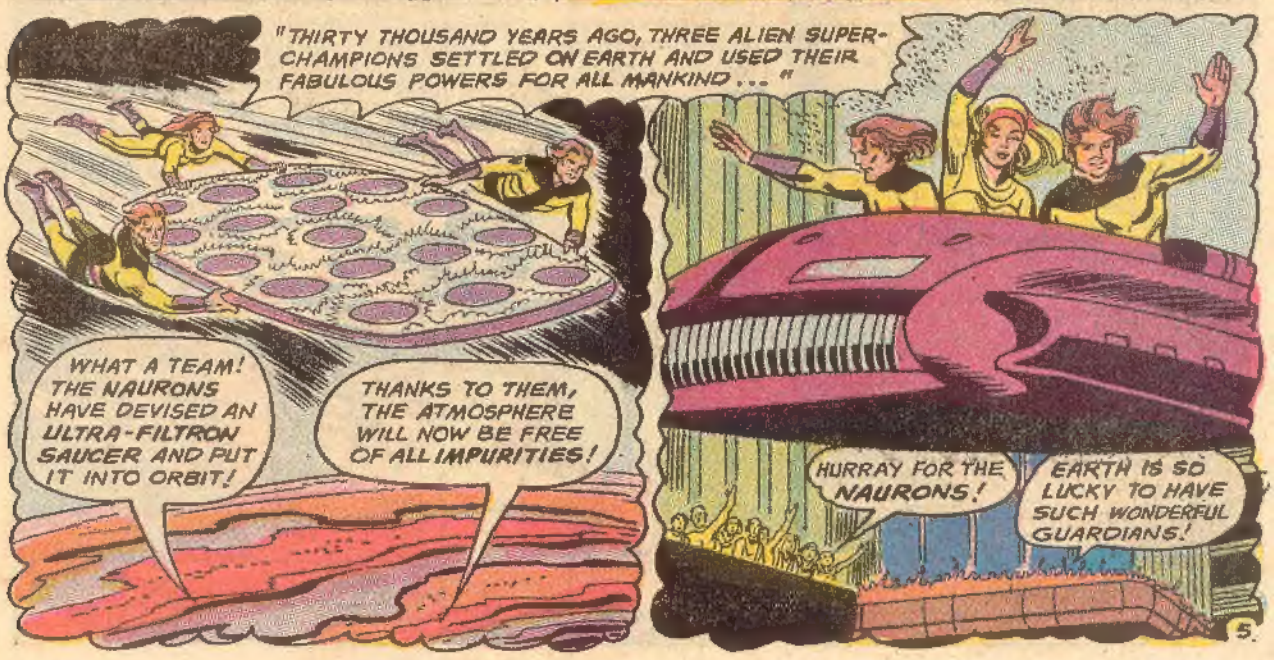
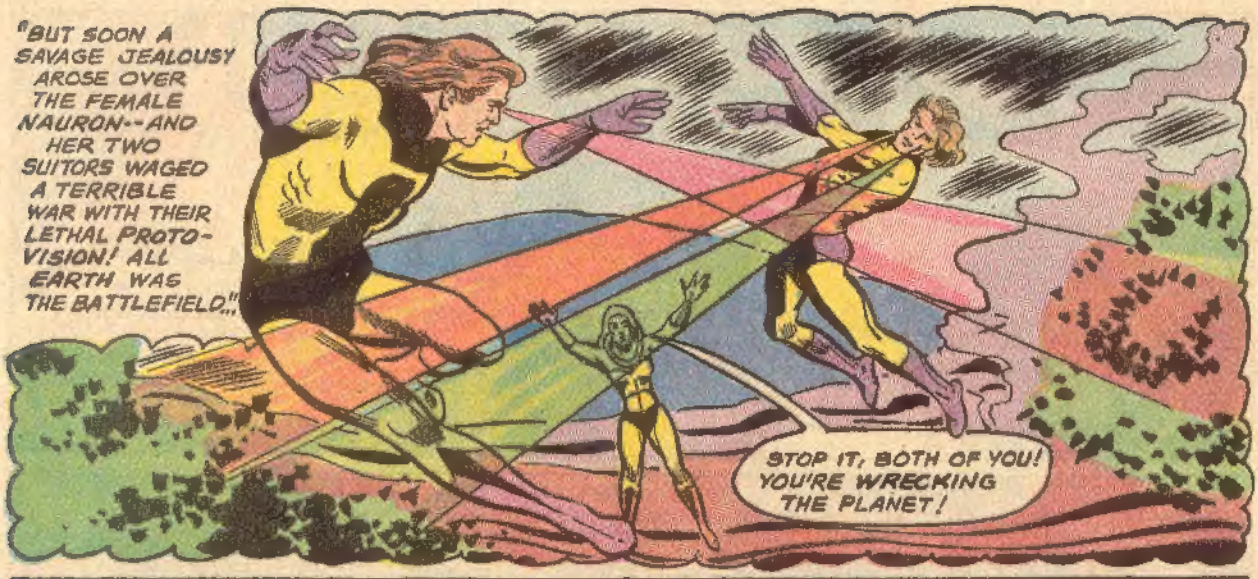
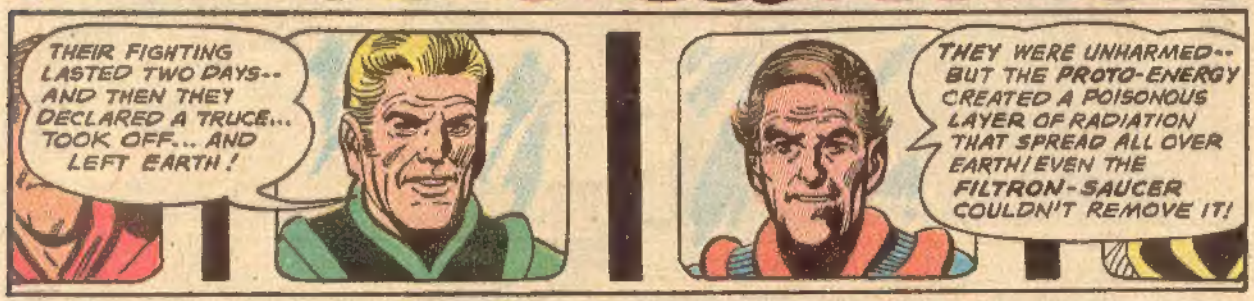

I'M...ER...FROM ANOTHER WORLD! I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT DIRECTIVE A-7!
SILENCE! THE POL-GLOBES WILL TAKE YOU TO VIOLATION PATROL HEADQUARTERS! DO NOT RESIST--AND DO NOT FLY!

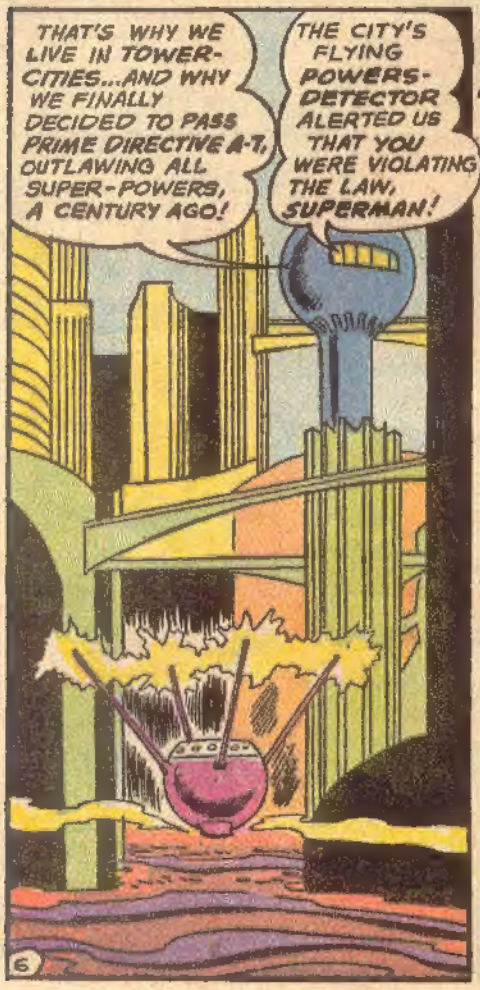
SOON...
THE OFFENDER'S BEING BROUGHT IN NOW! HE LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR!
YES! I'VE SEEN SOMEONE LIKE HIM ON HISTO-RECORDS! NOW WHAT WAS HIS NAME...?

AND INSIDE THE CENTRAL CONTROL-COMPLEX...
OF COURSE! NOW I RECOGNIZE HIM! BUT THAT'S SUPERMAN, OF THE 20TH CENTURY! HE REAPPEARED IN METROPOLIS A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MALAN! OUR APOLOGIES, SUPERMAN, BUT EVEN YOU MUST OBEY DIRECTIVE A-7!
WHY ARE SUPER-POWERS FORBIDDEN HERE?
I'LL EXPLAIN...


"THIRTY THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THREE ALIEN SUPER-CHAMPIONS SETTLED ON EARTH AND USED THEIR FABULOUS POWERS FOR ALL MANKIND..."
WHAT A TEAM! THE NAURONS HAVE DEVISED AN ULTRA-FILTRON SAUCER AND PUT IT INTO ORBIT!
THANKS TO THEM, THE ATMOSPHERE WILL NOW BE FREE OF ALL IMPURITIES!
HURRAY FOR THE NAURONS!
EARTH IS SO LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL GUARDIANS!


"BUT SOON A SAVAGE JEALOUSY AROSE OVER THE FEMALE NAURON--AND HER TWO SUITORS WAGED A TERRIBLE WAR WITH THEIR LETHAL PROTO-VISION! ALL EARTH WAS THE BATTLEFIELD..."
STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU! YOU'RE WRECKING THE PLANET!


THEIR FIGHTING LASTED TWO DAYS--AND THEN THEY DECLARED A TRUCE... TOOK OFF... AND LEFT EARTH!
THEY WERE UNHARMED--BUT THE PROTO-ENERGY CREATED A POISONOUS LAYER OF RADIATION THAT SPREAD ALL OVER EARTH! EVEN THE FILTRON-SAUCER COULDN'T REMOVE IT!


THAT'S WHY WE LIVE IN TOWER-CITIES...AND WHY WE FINALLY DECIDED TO PASS PRIME DIRECTIVE A-7, OUTLAWING ALL SUPER-POWERS, A CENTURY AGO!
THE CITY'S FLYING POWERS-DETECTOR ALERTED US THAT YOU WERE VIOLATING THE LAW, SUPERMAN!
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YET NO CHARGES ARE PRESSED AGAINST THE LEGENDARY MAN OF STEEL, AND MOMENTS LATER...
WHAT A NUISANCE! GOT TO BE ULTRA-CAREFUL NOT TO USE ANY SUPER-POWER...FOR EVEN A SECOND! THOSE OFFICERS SAID THEY'D BE FORCED TO PUNISH ME IF I DID IT AGAIN!

SOON, SUPERMAN SPOTS A SPECTACULAR SIGHT...
DAILY PLANET
CHOKE! THE DAILY PLANET BUILDING! IT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE IT DID IN 1970! I CAN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION--I'M GOING INSIDE!
BRACE YOURSELF SUPERMAN... YOU'RE IN FOR A FEW SURPRISES!
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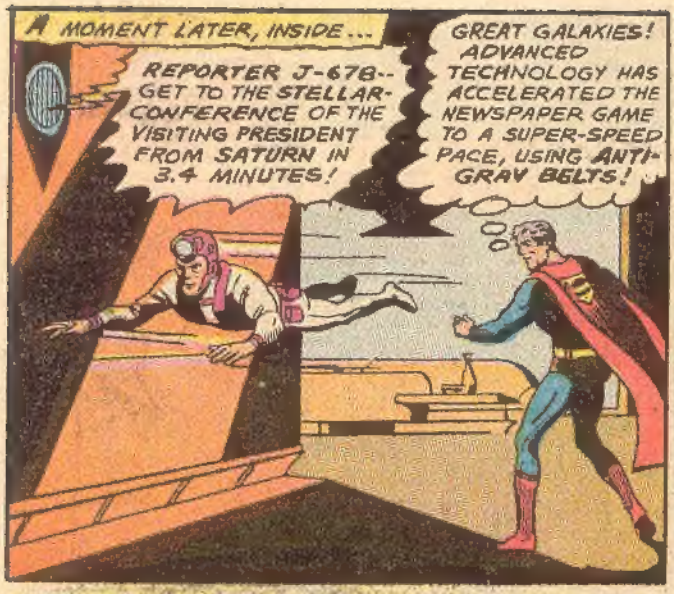
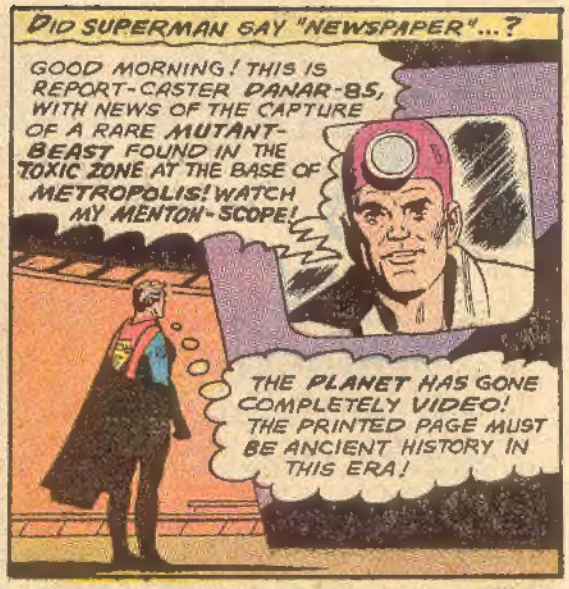
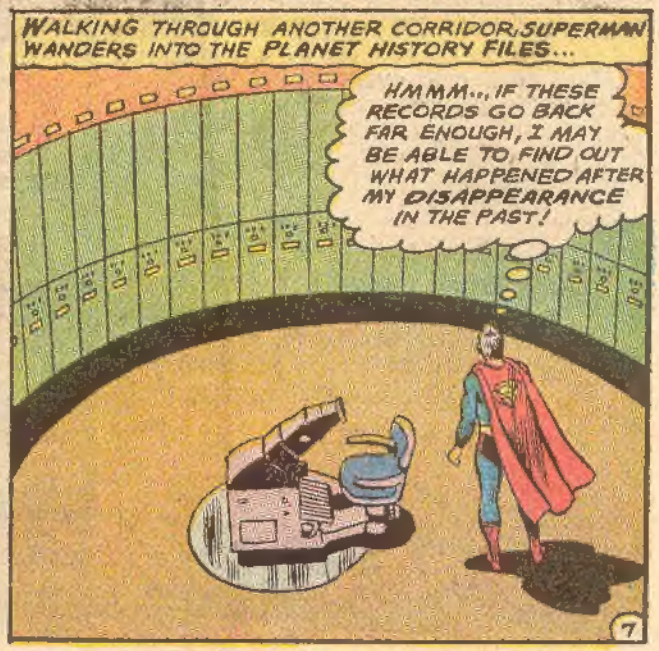

A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE...
REPORTER J-678--GET TO THE STELLAR-CONFERENCE OF THE VISITING PRESIDENT FROM SATURN IN 3.4 MINUTES!
GREAT GALAXIES! ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY HAS ACCELERATED THE NEWSPAPER GAME TO A SUPER-SPEED PACE, USING ANTI-GRAV BELTS!


DID SUPERMAN SAY "NEWSPAPER"...?
GOOD MORNING! THIS IS REPORT-CASTER DANAR-85, WITH NEWS OF THE CAPTURE OF A RARE MUTANT-BEAST FOUND IN THE TOXIC ZONE AT THE BASE OF METROPOLIS! WATCH MY MENTON-SCOPE!
THE PLANET HAS GONE COMPLETELY VIDEO! THE PRINTED PAGE MUST BE ANCIENT HISTORY IN THIS ERA!

THEN THE MENTON-SCOPE'S DAZZLING GLOW BECOMES LARGER--BRIGHTER--UNTIL...

FANTASTIC! THE REPORTER'S HELMET-DEVICE HAS LITERALLY OPENED UP HIS MIND... TRANSFERRING THOUGHT IMAGES TO THE SCREEN! WHAT A WAY TO DELIVER A STORY!

AND AS DANAR-85 NARRATES HIS SCOOP...
TWO MEMBERS OF THE ANIMAL SOCIETY RESTRAINED THE CREATURE WITH TORQ-BEAM NETS! IT IS BEING WELL CARED FOR AT THE METRO-ZOO!


WALKING THROUGH ANOTHER CORRIDOR, SUPERMAN WANDERS INTO THE PLANET HISTORY FILES...
HMMM.., IF THESE RECORDS GO BACK FAR ENOUGH, I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED AFTER MY DISAPPEARANCE IN THE PAST!

SELECTING AND INSERTING A TAPE DATED 1970, SUPERMAN GAZES INTO THE VIEWER...

IN MEMORIAM CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT ONE OF THE PLANET'S FINEST REPORTERS

1970 WAS THE YEAR REPORTER CLARK KENT MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED! SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, ENOUGH CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE WAS GATHERED TO PROVE KENT WAS SECRETLY SUPERMAN!

I THOUGHT SO! WHEN BOTH CLARK AND SUPERMAN WERE MISSING AT THE SAME TIME... PEOPLE SOON PIECED TOGETHER THE FACTS AND LEARNED MY DUAL IDENTITY!

NOW TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FRIENDS!

SEVERAL TIMETAPES LATER, THE MAN OF MIGHT IS AMAZED TO SEE THE GREAT HERITAGE A SUPERMAN CAN LEAVE...

LOIS LANE MARRIED A LEADING HOLLYWOOD ACTOR WHO BECAME FAMOUS PLAYING SUPERMAN IN MOTION PICTURES!

PREMIERE

BOB NORAN Starring in "THE SUPERMAN LEGEND"

JIMMY OLSEN WROTE A BEST-SELLER ABOUT HIS YEARS AS SUPERMAN'S PAL!

MY YEARS WITH SUPERMAN

BY JAMES OLSEN

PERRY WHITE RETIRED AS EDITOR OF THE PLANET AND SPENT HIS LAST YEARS IN CHARGE OF THE SUPERMAN MUSEUM!

SUPERMAN MUSEUM

PERRY WHITE - CURATOR

SUDDENLY, SUPERMAN'S NOSTALGIC GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST ARE CUT SHORT...

HEY! I DON'T KNOW WHO IN THE STARS YOU ARE-- BUT ONLY AUTHORIZED STAFF-MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED IN HERE! YOU'D BETTER LEAVE!

NO USE TELLING THE JANITOR WHO I AM... HE'D NEVER BELIEVE I'M A 20TH-CENTURY PLANET REPORTER!

A MOMENT LATER, OUTSIDE...

OH-OH! THE AUTO-GUIDE CONTROL IS JAMMED! I CAN'T TURN!

THERE'LL BE A FATAL COLLISION IN SECONDS-- UNLESS I PREVENT IT... EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS USING MY POWERS!

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OUR VALENTINE FOR YOU!

THIS SWEETHEART GIANT STARRING SUPERGIRL!

ON SALE JAN. 13th

GIANT
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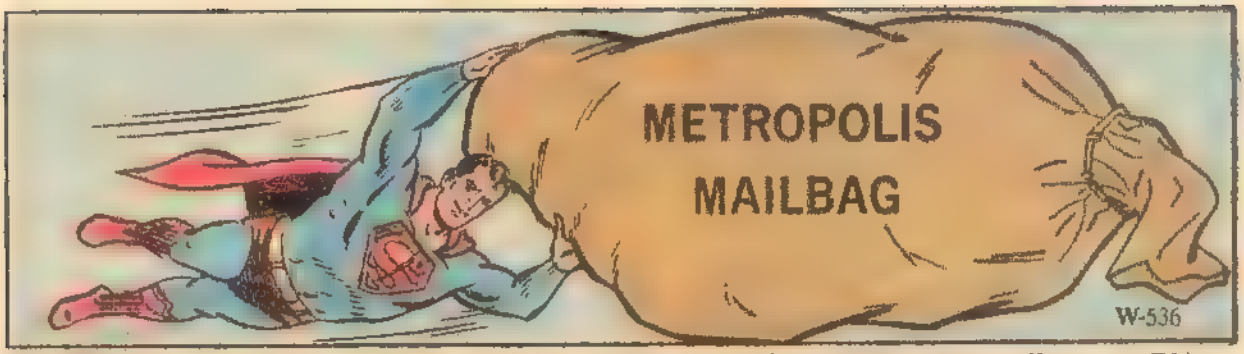
The FLASH
featuring SENSATIONAL SUPER-SPEED STUNTS OF THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
CIRCLING THE EARTH 8 TIMES IN 1 SECOND!
SPLITTING INTO 3 FLASHES!
PUNCHING A CRIMINAL INTO THE FUTURE!
APPEARING MASKLESS IN PUBLIC!

AND HERE'S YOUR SNEAK PREVIEW OF OUR NEXT SENSATIONAL GIANT!

BETTER RESERVE YOUR COPY NOW AT YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND!
ON SALE FEB. 12th



Dear Editor:

I believe "The Hapless Hero" in ACTION No. 381 was one of your best stories. The logic M—E.L. showed in the end was great. It's making the LSH more human. By the way, when can we vote for a new Legion leader?

—Dana Chatellier, Chesterton, Md.

(Right now! This issue goes on sale January 27; the next issue hits the stands February 26. Send in your vote before then. We'll have to disqualify any vote postmarked after February 26. Remember, all Legionnaires who have not served as leader are eligible in this poll. So pick your favorite from among the following: Bouncing Boy, Chameleon Boy, Chemical King, Colossal Boy, Dream Girl, Duo Damsel, Element Lad, Light Lass, Lightning Lad, Matter-Eater Lad, Mon-El, Phantom Girl, Princess Projectra, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, Star Boy, Sun Boy, Superboy, Supergirl, and Timber Wolf. As always, the runner-up will become the Deputy Leader. Get those votes rolling in, fans.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

LSH stands for Legion of Super-Heroes, not Lonely Super-Hearts. The heroes' and heroines' private lives are interesting in small doses, but you've given us too much. Let's see a little more *action*, hmm? (No pun intended.)

—Mary Cowan, Columbus, Ohio

(A check of reader mail indicates there are plenty of fans with you and plenty against you. So we'll generally try combining action with human interest, as in this issue's Legion tale.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed both stories in ACTION 381. However, I did notice one mistake. On page 3 of the Legion story, Matter-Eater Lad's mother says that they need money to buy food. I thought the natives of Bismoll were able to eat anything. Why didn't she just gobble up a table or a chair?

—Rich Perrin, Fort Wayne, Ind.

(If she did that, she'd soon eat herself out of house and home.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

"Clark Kent, Magician" was just beautiful. In fact, I can't think of an easier way for Superman to make a living as a "normal guy." With his powers, he doesn't have to go through years of training to master certain feats. Name it and he'll think of some super-stunt to accomplish it. And what more perfect cop-out than "I'm sworn to secrecy"? I'm always glad to see these new identity stories. I know right off they'll be good. Next time, let's see if you can think up a *really* offbeat one!

—Gary Skinner, Columbus, Ohio

(The most offbeat identity for Superman we can think of would be a bearded lady—because he's no lady and his beard doesn't grow under a yellow sun.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I don't like what you did in No. 180. You had the villains wrecking the Iwo Jima Memorial. As a Marine, I object. That statue means more to us than any other. Couldn't you have picked on something else?

—L/Cpl. B.E. Whitesall, FPO San Francisco, Calif.

(The Memorial means a lot to us, too—and to all loyal Americans. That was the idea: to pick something whose desecration would shock the country. But don't worry—Superman repaired the damage, so the Memorial's as good as new.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Hapless Hero," I noticed that on page 8, Robot C-31 had oval eyes. But on page 9, his eyes were rectangular, and on page 10 they were circular. How do you explain this?

—Steven Resnick, Bayside, Queens, N.Y.

(C-31 was a new kind of robot with three pairs of interchangeable eyes. It's his one way of changing his expression.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Your ACTION No. 382 was great, but I found a boo-boo. In exposing "Alibi Andy," Clark claimed he had "swallowed" ten gold coins and then used his X-ray vision to show the coins, which were actually in Andy's pocket. When he made Andy "cough them up," Clark thought that he was leaving one coin on him for evidence. Yet he picked Andy's pocket of all ten coins.

—Stephen McGinn, South Boston, Mass.

(There were actually eleven coins, but the audience couldn't see one because it was behind the others. This is the one Clark left when he forced Andy to "cough up" the other "pieces of ate."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

The real high point of ACTION 382 was the Legion yarn. There has been something wrong with all recent Legion tales except "One of Us is an Impostor." "Impostor" approached being a perfect story, and "Kill a Friend to Save a World" *was* perfect. And what did they have in common? Each had five or more Legionnaires. With fewer than five members, you get bogged down in soppy, emotional epics and the story becomes dull.

—Greg Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(We have a Legion tale in the works which will feature only one Legionnaire, and we guarantee it will be anything but dull. Superman can be as interesting by himself as when he's with the whole Justice League —so why not a Legionnaire?—Ed.)

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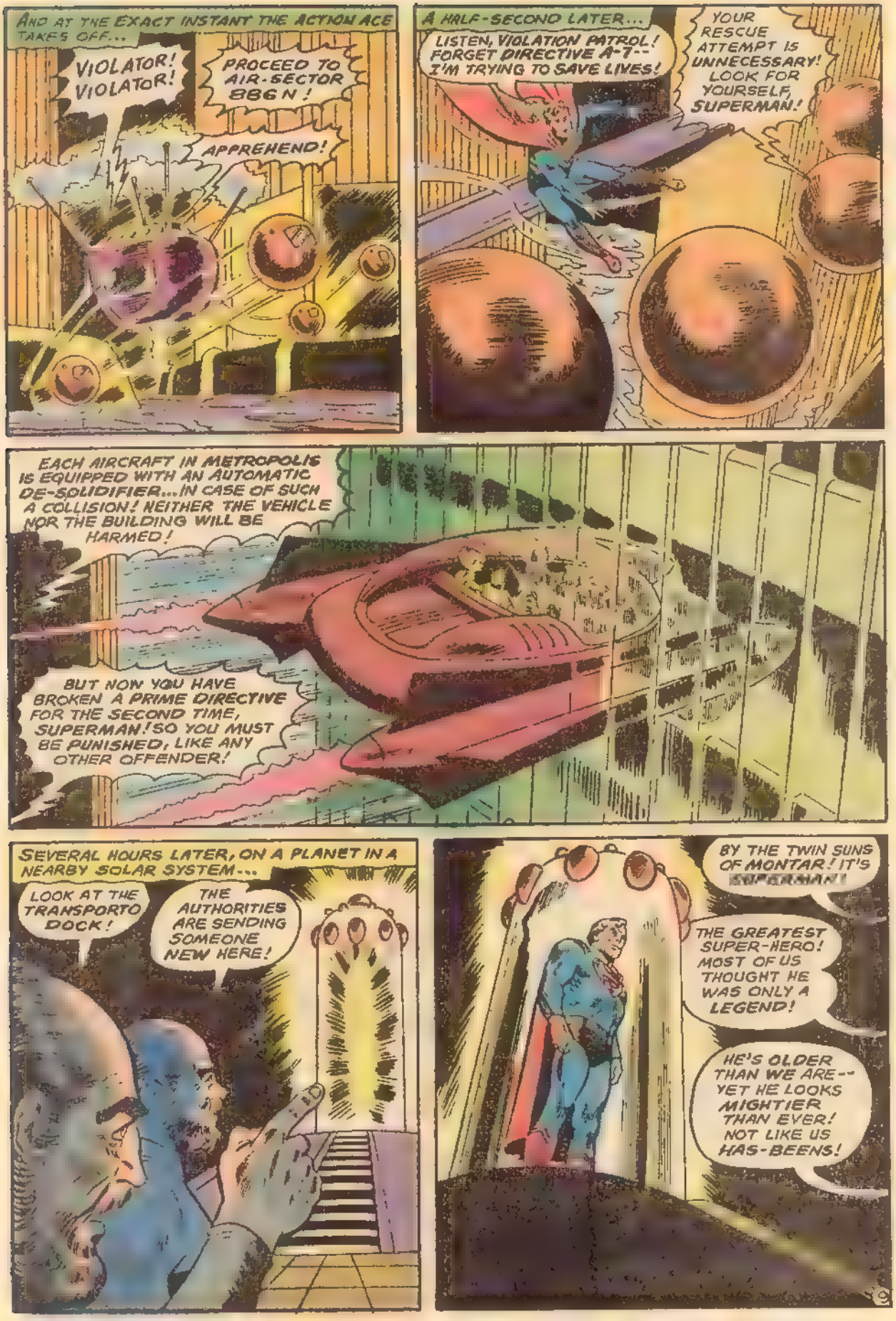
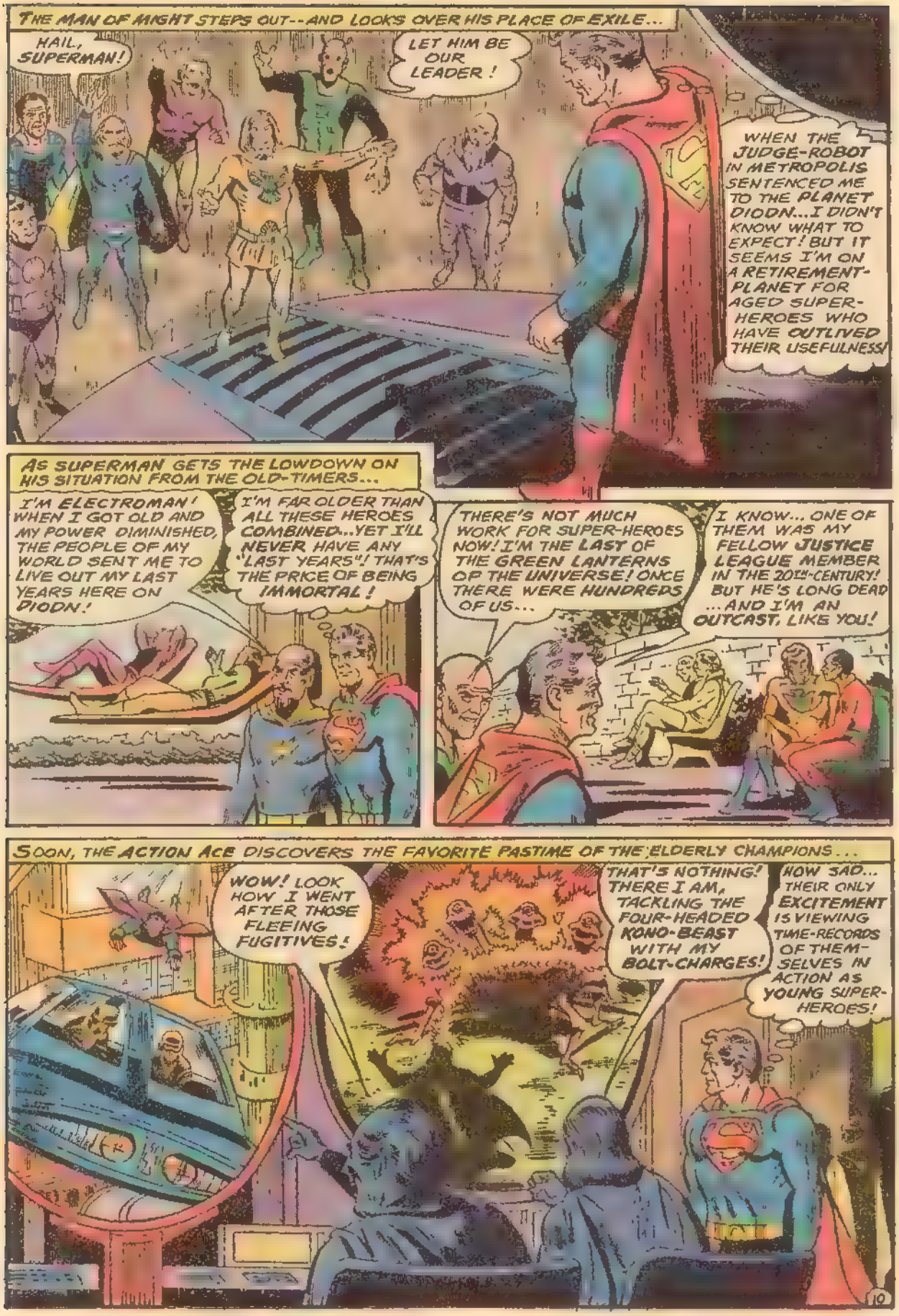

AND AT THE EXACT INSTANT THE ACTION ACE TAKES OFF...
VIOLATOR! VIOLATOR!
PROCEED TO AIR-SECTOR 886 N!
APPREHEND!
A HALF-SECOND LATER...
LISTEN, VIOLATION PATROL! FORGET DIRECTIVE A-7--I'M TRYING TO SAVE LIVES!
YOUR RESCUE ATTEMPT IS UNNECESSARY! LOOK FOR YOURSELF, SUPERMAN!
EACH AIRCRAFT IN METROPOLIS IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATIC DE-SOLIDIFIER...IN CASE OF SUCH A COLLISION! NEITHER THE VEHICLE NOR THE BUILDING WILL BE HARMED!
BUT NOW YOU HAVE BROKEN A PRIME DIRECTIVE FOR THE SECOND TIME, SUPERMAN! SO YOU MUST BE PUNISHED, LIKE ANY OTHER OFFENDER!
SEVERAL HOURS LATER, ON A PLANET IN A NEARBY SOLAR SYSTEM...
LOOK AT THE TRANSPORTO DOCK!
THE AUTHORITIES ARE SENDING SOMEONE NEW HERE!
BY THE TWIN SUNS OF MONTAR! IT'S SUPERMAN!
THE GREATEST SUPER-HERO! MOST OF US THOUGHT HE WAS ONLY A LEGEND!
HE'S OLDER THAN WE ARE--YET HE LOOKS MIGHTIER THAN EVER! NOT LIKE US HAS-BEENS!


THE MAN OF MIGHT STEPS OUT--AND LOOKS OVER HIS PLACE OF EXILE...
HAIL, SUPERMAN!
LET HIM BE OUR LEADER!
WHEN THE JUDGE-ROBOT IN METROPOLIS SENTENCED ME TO THE PLANET DIODN...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT! BUT IT SEEMS I'M ON A RETIREMENT-PLANET FOR AGED SUPER-HEROES WHO HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS!
AS SUPERMAN GETS THE LOWDOWN ON HIS SITUATION FROM THE OLD-TIMERS...
I'M ELECTROMAN! WHEN I GOT OLD AND MY POWER DIMINISHED, THE PEOPLE OF MY WORLD SENT ME TO LIVE OUT MY LAST YEARS HERE ON DIODN!
I'M FAR OLDER THAN ALL THESE HEROES COMBINED...YET I'LL NEVER HAVE ANY "LAST YEARS"! THAT'S THE PRICE OF BEING IMMORTAL!
THERE'S NOT MUCH WORK FOR SUPER-HEROES NOW! I'M THE LAST OF THE GREEN LANTERNS OF THE UNIVERSE! ONCE THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF US...
I KNOW... ONE OF THEM WAS MY FELLOW JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER IN THE 20TH-CENTURY! BUT HE'S LONG DEAD ...AND I'M AN OUTCAST, LIKE YOU!
SOON, THE ACTION ACE DISCOVERS THE FAVORITE PASTIME OF THE ELDERLY CHAMPIONS...
WOW! LOOK HOW I WENT AFTER THOSE FLEEING FUGITIVES!
THAT'S NOTHING! THERE I AM, TACKLING THE FOUR-HEADED KONO-BEAST WITH MY BOLT-CHARGES!
HOW SAD... THEIR ONLY EXCITEMENT IS VIEWING TIME-RECORDS OF THEMSELVES IN ACTION AS YOUNG SUPER-HEROES!
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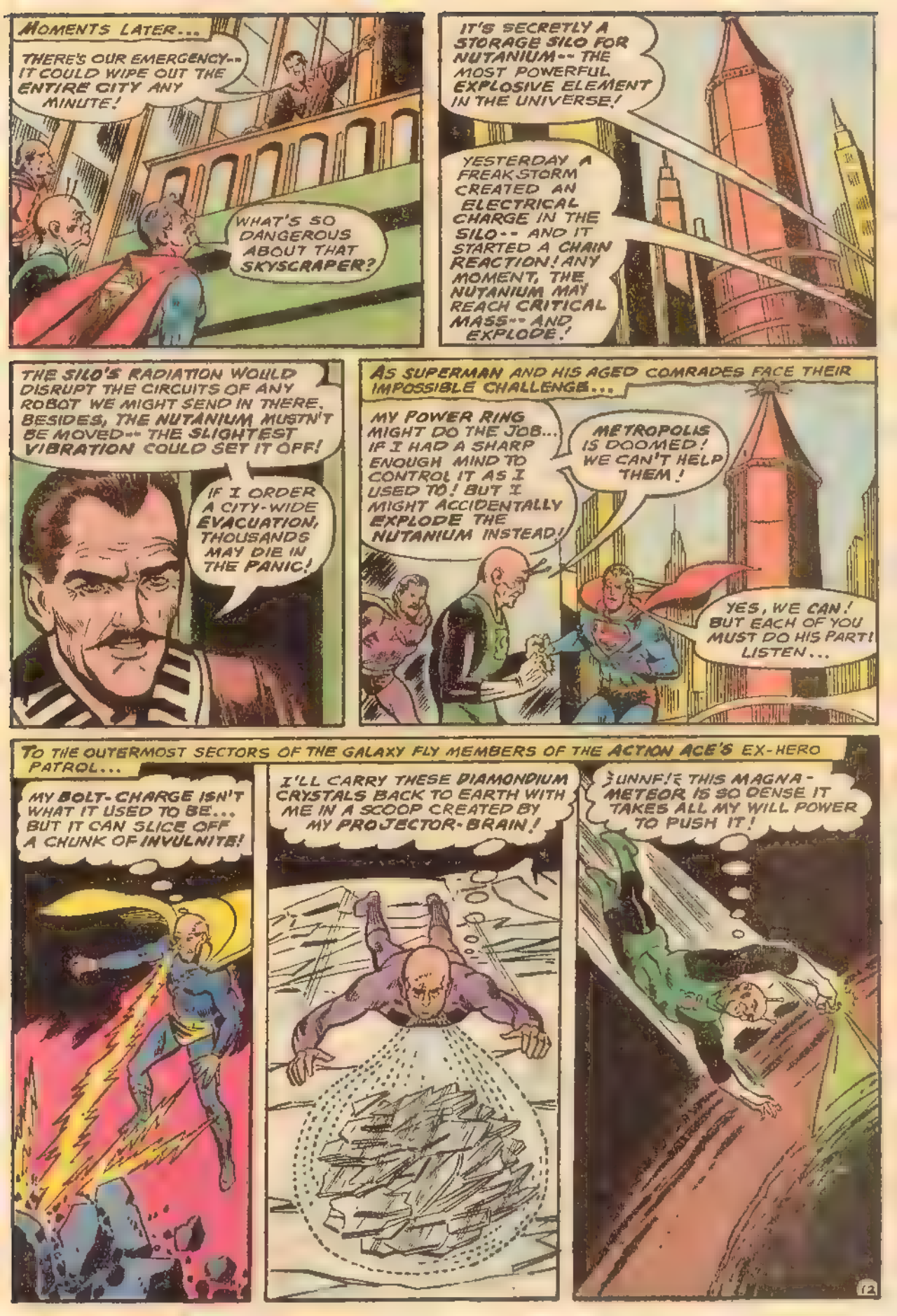
BUT ON THE THIRD DAY OF SUPERMAN'S SENTENCE, DIODN GETS A FRANTIC VISITOR...
PLEASE... AS MAYOR OF METROPOLIS, I BEG SOME OF YOU SENIOR CHAMPIONS TO COME BACK WITH ME!
YOU EARTHLINGS EXILED ME FROM YOUR PLANET! AND NOW YOU WANT MY HELP? FORGET IT!
NO CHANCE! THAT'S ON EARTH--WHERE SUPER-POWERS ARE OUTLAWED!
NO.. NOT ONE OF THE ELDERLY HEROES WILL FORGET HIS BITTERNESS AND HELP! BUT THEN...
THESE OLDSTERS SEEM TO RESPECT ME AS THEIR LEADER! HERE GOES A CRUCIAL TEST OF THEIR LOYALTY!
WAIT A MINUTE!
DON'T THROW AWAY THIS CHANCE, MEN... WE CAN PROVE TO EARTH THAT SUPER-POWERS SHOULDN'T BE TABOO...AND THAT WE'RE NOT HAS-BEENS WHO'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO USE THEM!
YES...YES, HE'S RIGHT!
WHAT HE SAYS MAKES SENSE!
WE'LL OBEY OUR LEADER!
NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, A FANTASTIC MIGRATION ENTERS THE SOLAR-SYSTEM--EARTHBOUND...
AND WHEN THE SUPER-SQUAD FINALLY REACHES THE SKY-LIMITS OF METROPOLIS...
THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO ELIMINATE THAT SUPER-POWER DETECTOR! ONE BLAST OF MY HEAT VISION SHOULD PUT IT OUT OF COMMISSION!


MOMENTS LATER...
THERE'S OUR EMERGENCY-- IT COULD WIPE OUT THE ENTIRE CITY ANY MINUTE!
WHAT'S SO DANGEROUS ABOUT THAT SKYSCRAPER?
IT'S SECRETLY A STORAGE SILO FOR NUTANIUM-- THE MOST POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE ELEMENT IN THE UNIVERSE!
YESTERDAY A FREAK STORM CREATED AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE IN THE SILO-- AND IT STARTED A CHAIN REACTION! ANY MOMENT, THE NUTANIUM MAY REACH CRITICAL MASS-- AND EXPLODE!
THE SILO'S RADIATION WOULD DISRUPT THE CIRCUITS OF ANY ROBOT WE MIGHT SEND IN THERE. BESIDES, THE NUTANIUM MUSTN'T BE MOVED-- THE SLIGHTEST VIBRATION COULD SET IT OFF!
IF I ORDER A CITY-WIDE EVACUATION, THOUSANDS MAY DIE IN THE PANIC!
AS SUPERMAN AND HIS AGED COMRADES FACE THEIR IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE...
MY POWER RING MIGHT DO THE JOB... IF I HAD A SHARP ENOUGH MIND TO CONTROL IT AS I USED TO! BUT I MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY EXPLODE THE NUTANIUM INSTEAD!
METROPOLIS IS DOOMED! WE CAN'T HELP THEM!
YES, WE CAN! BUT EACH OF YOU MUST DO HIS PART! LISTEN...
TO THE OUTERMOST SECTORS OF THE GALAXY FLY MEMBERS OF THE ACTION ACE'S EX-HERO PATROL...
MY BOLT-CHARGE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... BUT IT CAN SLICE OFF A CHUNK OF INVULNITE!
I'LL CARRY THESE DIAMONDIUM CRYSTALS BACK TO EARTH WITH ME IN A SCOOP CREATED BY MY PROJECTOR-BRAIN!
}UNNF!{ THIS MAGNA-METEOR IS SO DENSE IT TAKES ALL MY WILL POWER TO PUSH IT!
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AND WHEN THE HEROES BRING THESE AND OTHER MATERIALS TO EARTH, SUPERMAN IS READY FOR THEM...
HE'S FORGING AN ULTRA-STRONG METAL ALLOY!
SO THAT'S WHY SUPERMAN HAD US GATHER THE HARDEST SUBSTANCES IN THE GALAXY!
SOON...
WHEN YOU HAVE THIS SLAB SECURELY IN PLACE-- ALL EIGHT SIDES OF THE SILO WILL BE PROTECTED!
BUT DOESN'T SUPERMAN REALIZE... THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION WILL FLOW DOWNWARD AND SPREAD OUT OVER THE CITY?
ONLY MOMENTS LATER, THE CHAIN REACTION TAKES EFFECT-- AND THE VOLATILE NUTANIUM IGNITES...
THERE IT GOES!
THE EXPLOSIVE FORCE WILL LEVEL THE ENTIRE CITY IN SECONDS!
BUT METROPOLIS GETS A REPRIEVE AS THE MAN OF MIGHT BLURS INTO ACTION...
FANTASTIC! SUPERMAN IS SPIRALING THE SILO, AT SUPER-SPEED... PREVENTING THE EXPLOSION FROM SPREADING!
INSTEAD, HE'S TURNING IT INTO A SUPER POWERFUL JET-EXHAUST-- PROPELLING THE NUTANIUM INTO OUTER SPACE, WHERE IT CAN DO NO HARM!
A BRILLIANT SCHEME!
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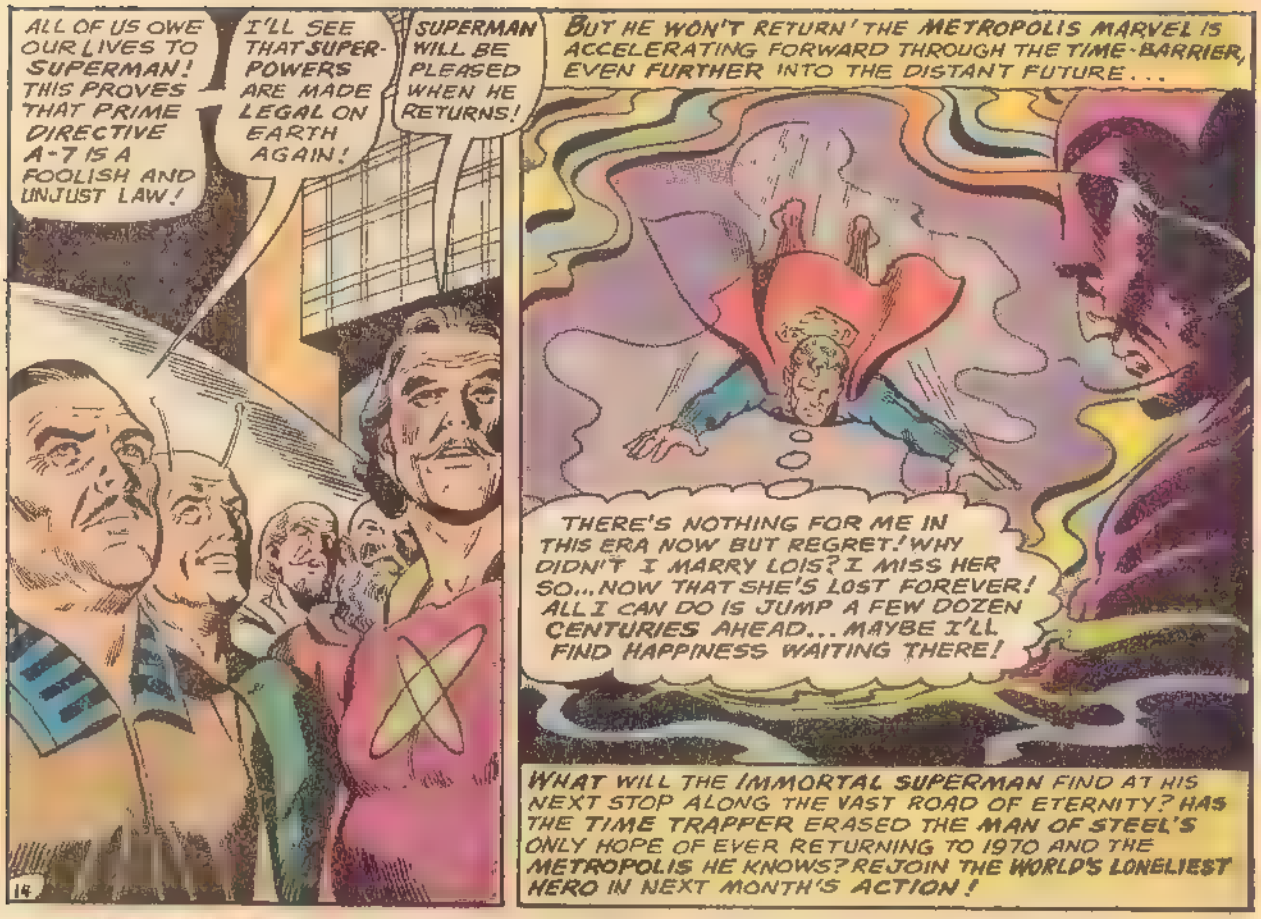
ALL OF US OWE OUR LIVES TO SUPERMAN! THIS PROVES THAT PRIME DIRECTIVE A-7 IS A FOOLISH AND UNJUST LAW!
I'LL SEE THAT SUPER-POWERS ARE MADE LEGAL ON EARTH AGAIN!
SUPERMAN WILL BE PLEASED WHEN HE RETURNS!
BUT HE WON'T RETURN! THE METROPOLIS MARVEL IS ACCELERATING FORWARD THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER, EVEN FURTHER INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE...
THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME IN THIS ERA NOW BUT REGRET! WHY DIDN'T I MARRY LOIS? I MISS HER SO...NOW THAT SHE'S LOST FOREVER! ALL I CAN DO IS JUMP A FEW DOZEN CENTURIES AHEAD...MAYBE I'LL FIND HAPPINESS WAITING THERE!
WHAT WILL THE IMMORTAL SUPERMAN FIND AT HIS NEXT STOP ALONG THE VAST ROAD OF ETERNITY? HAS THE TIME TRAPPER ERASED THE MAN OF STEEL'S ONLY HOPE OF EVER RETURNING TO 1970 AND THE METROPOLIS HE KNOWS? REJOIN THE WORLD'S LONELIEST HERO IN NEXT MONTH'S ACTION!
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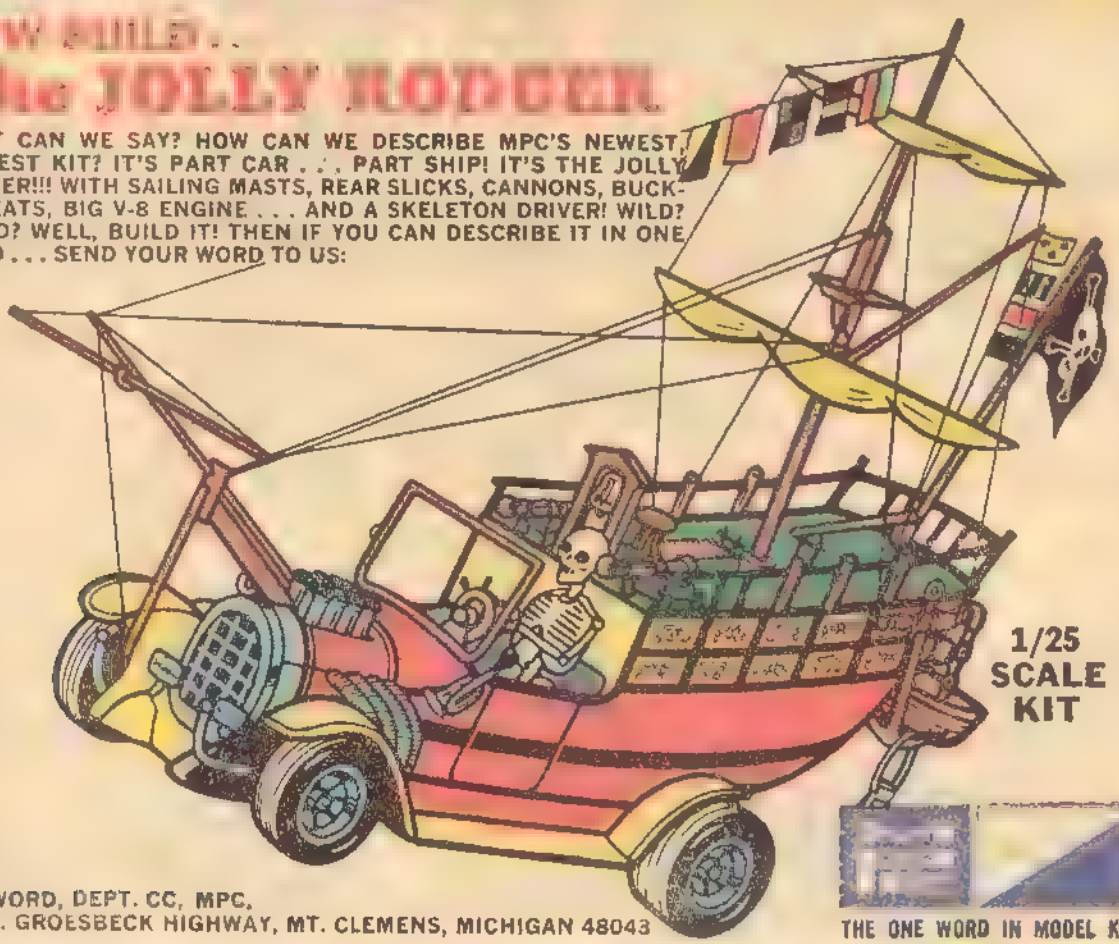
NOW BUILD...

The JOLLY ROGER

WHAT CAN WE SAY? HOW CAN WE DESCRIBE MPC'S NEWEST, WILDEST KIT? IT'S PART CAR . . . PART SHIP! IT'S THE JOLLY RODGER!!! WITH SAILING MASTS, REAR SLICKS, CANNONS, BUCKET SEATS, BIG V-8 ENGINE . . . AND A SKELETON DRIVER! WILD? WEIRD? WELL, BUILD IT! THEN IF YOU CAN DESCRIBE IT IN ONE WORD . . . SEND YOUR WORD TO US:



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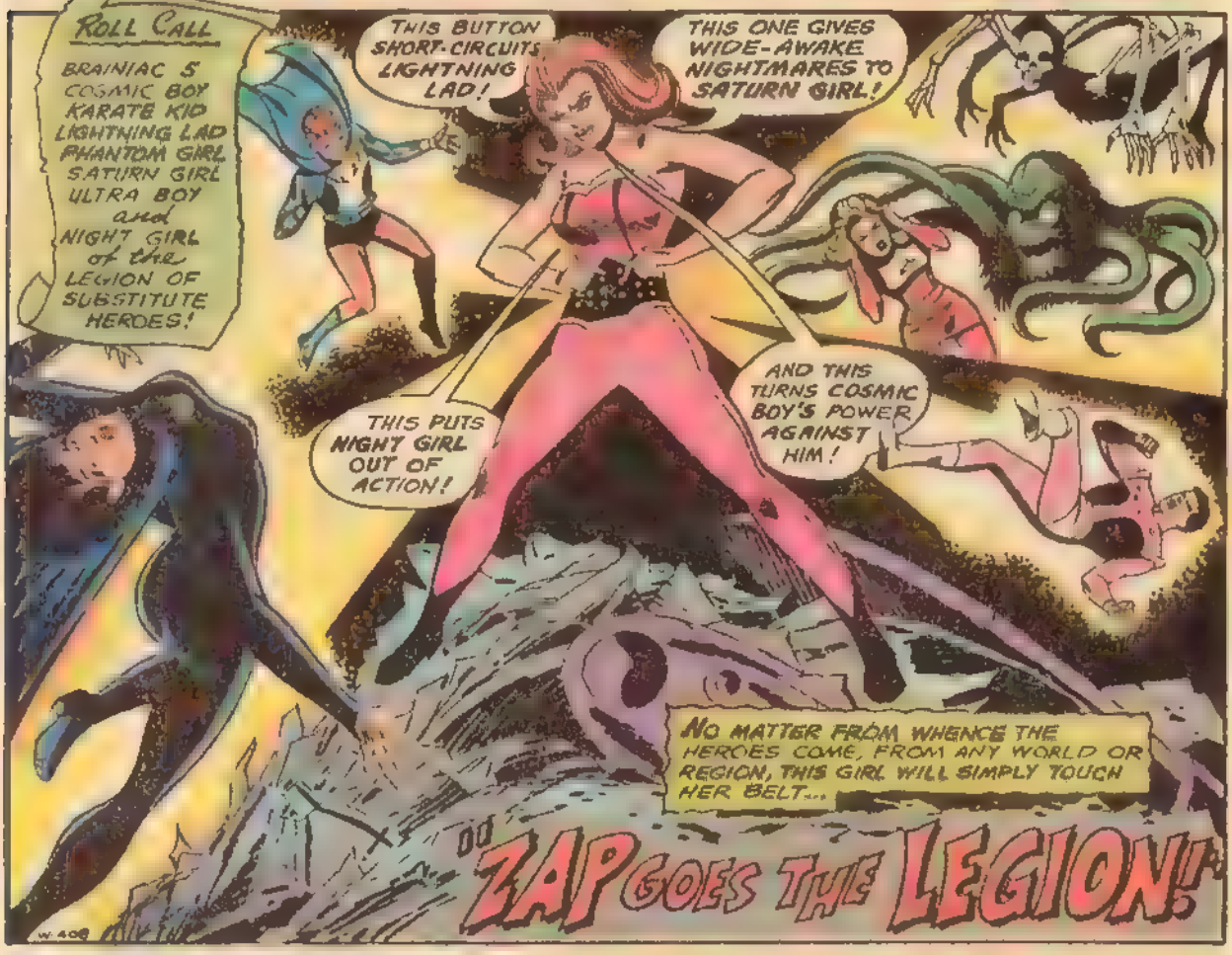
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES



...WHERE A SPECIAL CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE...
HERE YOU ARE--THE REHABILITATION ROOM! ONCE THEY'VE FINISHED WITH YOU IN HERE, YOU'LL BE FREED!

THIS OBEDIENCE COLLAR IS ALL THAT'S KEPT HAWKOR PHUY HERE, IN LINE! HE WAS A KILLER! I HOPE HE DOESN'T GO WILD WHEN I REMOVE IT!
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS SHOW HE IS READY FOR THE PRISM THERAPY!
DON'T WORRY! I'M ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF HERE! JUST GIVE ME THAT TREATMENT AND LET ME GO!
SIT DOWN... YOU'LL SOON BE A NEW MAN!
WHAT'S HAPPENING...? I WANTED TO RETURN TO CRIME WHEN I LEFT HERE... BUT NOW...I FEEL I MUST GO STRAIGHT!
I'M TRULY SORRY FOR MY PAST CRIMES NOW! I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO MAKE UP FOR THEM!
FINE, HAWKOR! YOU CAN GET YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE NEXT ROOM, AND BOARD THE FREEDOM SHIP FOR YOUR HOME WORLD!
AS THE SECOND PRISONER IS GIVEN THE TREATMENT...
ULI ALGOR WAS ONE OF THE WORST. SHE PLOTTED TO STEAL SECRETS FROM THE LEGION. YET SHE'S BEING FREED AFTER ONLY SIX MONTHS!
THE TESTS INDICATED SHE WAS READY. THE PRISM-LIGHTS WILL HYPNOTICALLY DEADEN THE EVIL PART OF HER BRAIN.
THE PAST... IS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY DID SUCH DREADFUL THINGS AS IMPERSONATING A LEGIONNAIRE AND TRYING TO ROB THEIR CLUBHOUSE!
JUST BE HAPPY THAT PART OF YOUR LIFE IS OVER!
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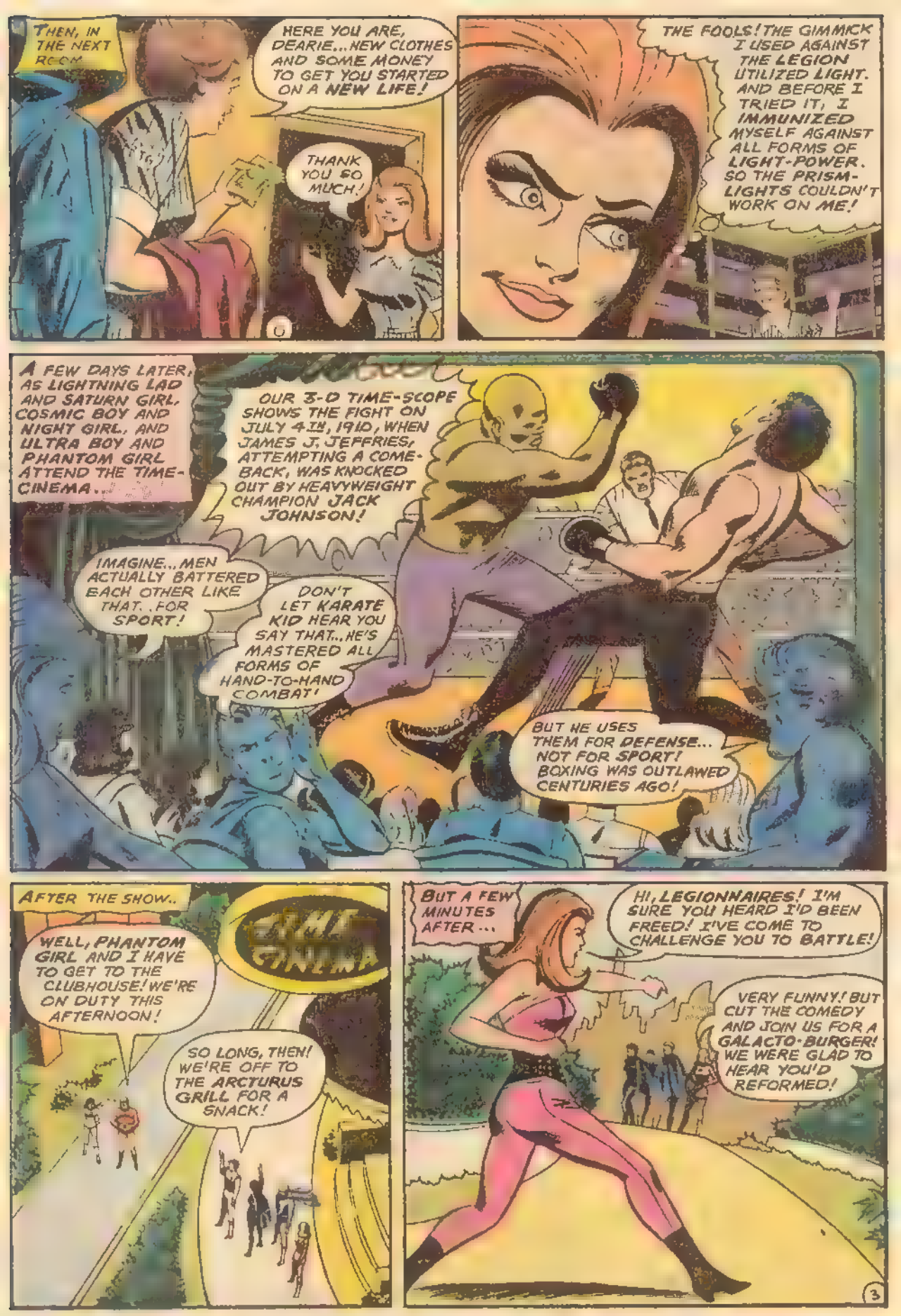
THEN, IN THE NEXT ROOM...
HERE YOU ARE, DEARIE... NEW CLOTHES AND SOME MONEY TO GET YOU STARTED ON A NEW LIFE!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THE FOOLS! THE GIMMICK I USED AGAINST THE LEGION UTILIZED LIGHT. AND BEFORE I TRIED IT, I IMMUNIZED MYSELF AGAINST ALL FORMS OF LIGHT-POWER. SO THE PRISM-LIGHTS COULDN'T WORK ON ME!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AS LIGHTNING LAD AND SATURN GIRL, COSMIC BOY AND NIGHT GIRL, AND ULTRA BOY AND PHANTOM GIRL ATTEND THE TIME-CINEMA...
OUR 3-D TIME-SCOPE SHOWS THE FIGHT ON JULY 4TH, 1910, WHEN JAMES J. JEFFRIES, ATTEMPTING A COME-BACK, WAS KNOCKED OUT BY HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION JACK JOHNSON!
IMAGINE... MEN ACTUALLY BATTERED EACH OTHER LIKE THAT... FOR SPORT!
DON'T LET KARATE KID HEAR YOU SAY THAT... HE'S MASTERED ALL FORMS OF HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT!
BUT HE USES THEM FOR DEFENSE... NOT FOR SPORT! BOXING WAS OUTLAWED CENTURIES AGO!
AFTER THE SHOW..
TIME CINEMA
WELL, PHANTOM GIRL AND I HAVE TO GET TO THE CLUBHOUSE! WE'RE ON DUTY THIS AFTERNOON!
SO LONG, THEN! WE'RE OFF TO THE ARCTURUS GRILL FOR A SNACK!
BUT A FEW MINUTES AFTER...
HI, LEGIONNAIRES! I'M SURE YOU HEARD I'D BEEN FREED! I'VE COME TO CHALLENGE YOU TO BATTLE!
VERY FUNNY! BUT CUT THE COMEDY AND JOIN US FOR A GALACTO-BURGER! WE WERE GLAD TO HEAR YOU'D REFORMED!
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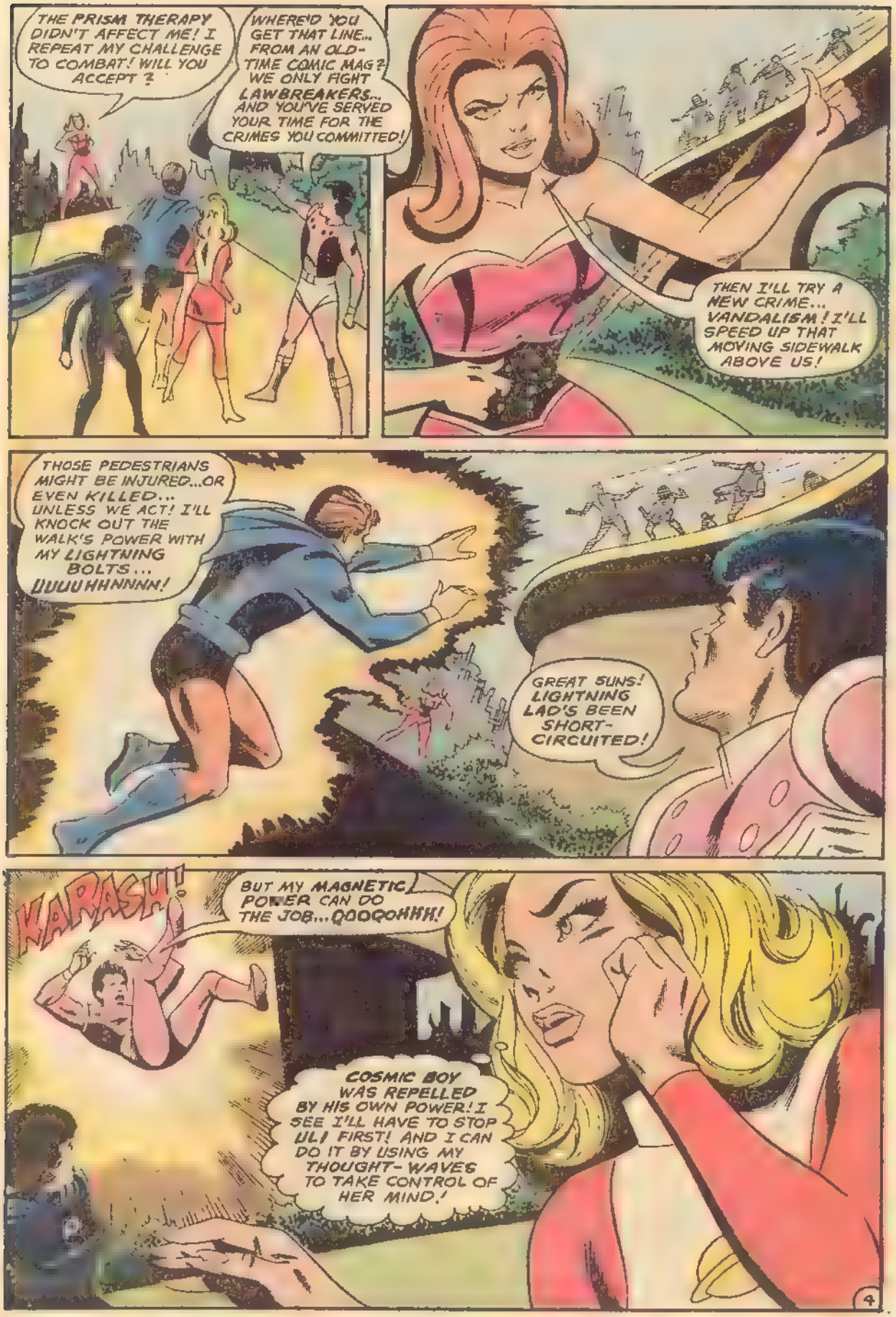
THE PRISM THERAPY DIDN'T AFFECT ME! I REPEAT MY CHALLENGE TO COMBAT! WILL YOU ACCEPT?
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT LINE... FROM AN OLD-TIME COMIC MAG? WE ONLY FIGHT LAWBREAKERS... AND YOU'VE SERVED YOUR TIME FOR THE CRIMES YOU COMMITTED!
THEN I'LL TRY A NEW CRIME... VANDALISM! I'LL SPEED UP THAT MOVING SIDEWALK ABOVE US!
THOSE PEDESTRIANS MIGHT BE INJURED...OR EVEN KILLED... UNLESS WE ACT! I'LL KNOCK OUT THE WALK'S POWER WITH MY LIGHTNING BOLTS... UUUUHHNNNN!
GREAT SUNS! LIGHTNING LAD'S BEEN SHORT-CIRCUITED!
KARASH!
BUT MY MAGNETIC POWER CAN DO THE JOB... QOOQOHHH!
COSMIC BOY WAS REPELLED BY HIS OWN POWER! I SEE I'LL HAVE TO STOP UL! FIRST! AND I CAN DO IT BY USING MY THOUGHT-WAVES TO TAKE CONTROL OF HER MIND!
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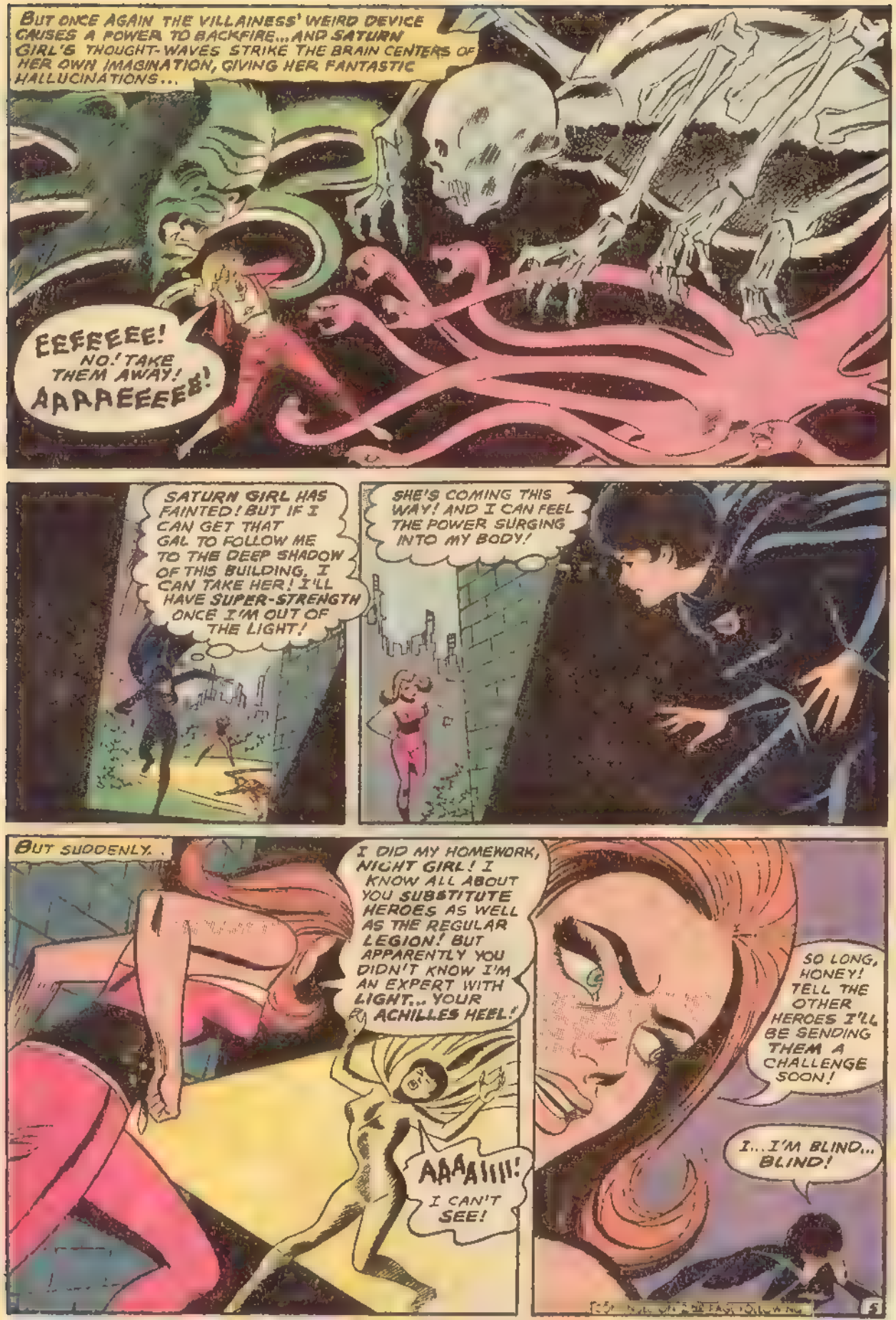
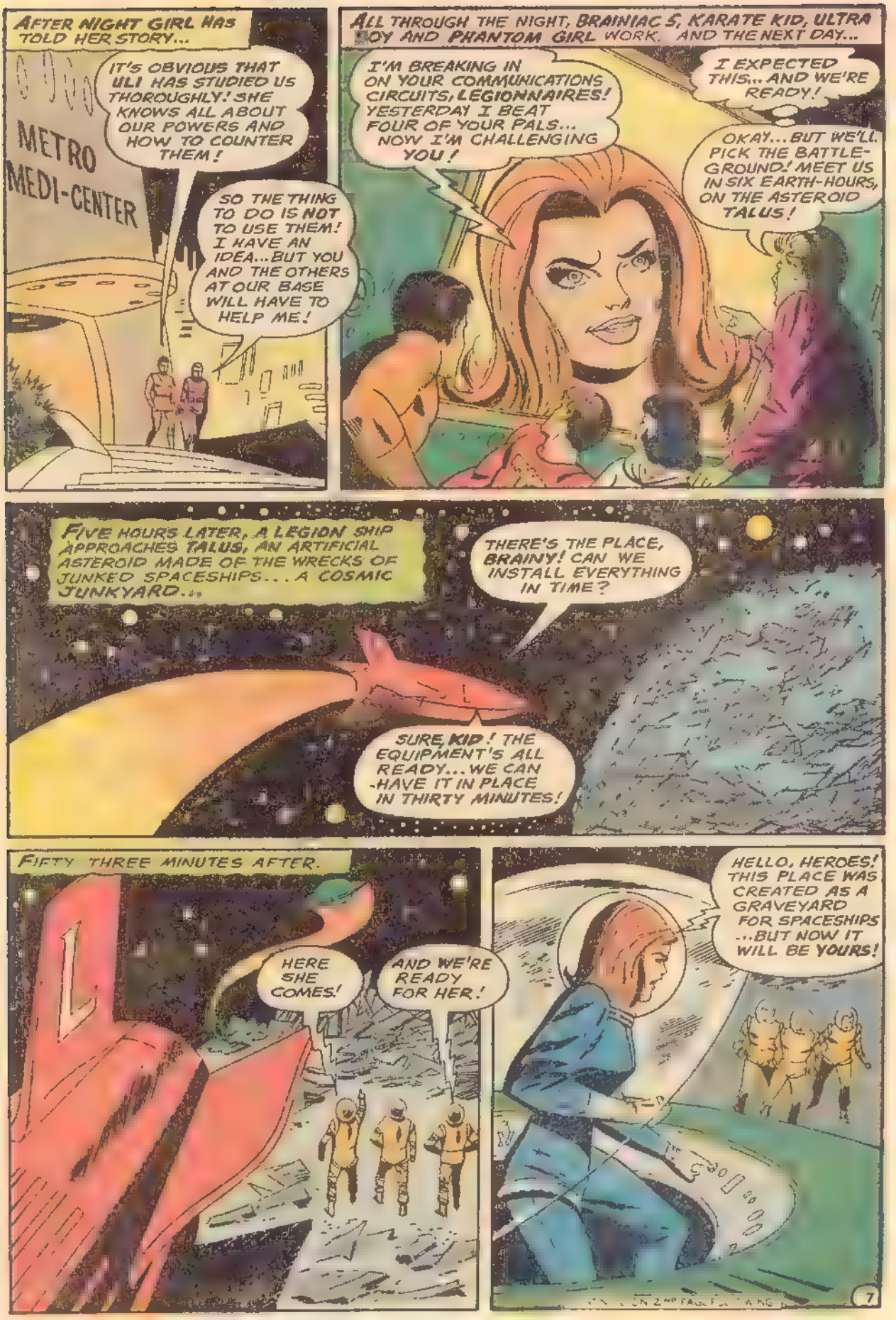

BUT ONCE AGAIN THE VILLAINESS' WEIRD DEVICE CAUSES A POWER TO BACKFIRE...AND SATURN GIRL'S THOUGHT-WAVES STRIKE THE BRAIN CENTERS OF HER OWN IMAGINATION, GIVING HER FANTASTIC HALLUCINATIONS...
EEEEEEE! NO! TAKE THEM AWAY! AAAEEEEE!
SATURN GIRL HAS FAINTED! BUT IF I CAN GET THAT GAL TO FOLLOW ME TO THE DEEP SHADOW OF THIS BUILDING, I CAN TAKE HER! I'LL HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH ONCE I'M OUT OF THE LIGHT!
SHE'S COMING THIS WAY! AND I CAN FEEL THE POWER SURGING INTO MY BODY!
BUT SUDDENLY...
I DID MY HOMEWORK, NIGHT GIRL! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU SUBSTITUTE HEROES AS WELL AS THE REGULAR LEGION! BUT APPARENTLY YOU DIDN'T KNOW I'M AN EXPERT WITH LIGHT... YOUR ACHILLES HEEL!
AAAAIIII! I CAN'T SEE!
SO LONG, HONEY! TELL THE OTHER HEROES I'LL BE SENDING THEM A CHALLENGE SOON!
I...I'M BLIND... BLIND!

LATER, AT THE METRO MEDI CENTER...
HOW IS LIGHTNING LAD, DOC?
HE'LL BE FINE SOON... THANKS TO THE BATTERY BED DESIGNED FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY BY BRAINIAC 5, HERE! THAT SHOWED EXCELLENT FORE-THOUGHT!
COSMIC BOY SUFFERED SEVERAL BROKEN BONES. BUT THE PLASTO-BODY CAST WILL MEND THEM AS GOOD AS NEW IN A FEW DAYS!
FINE... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS?
SATURN GIRL WILL TAKE A WHILE TO GET OVER HER EXPERIENCE. BUT THIS TELEPATHIC PSYCH-TREATMENT, APPLIED SEVERAL TIMES DAILY, SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
IF ONLY ONE OF THEM COULD TELL US WHAT HIT THEM!
HANDING THE TWO LEGIONNAIRES SOME INFRA-RED GLASSES, WHICH ENABLE THEM TO SEE IN THE DARK, THE DOCTOR LEADS THEM INTO A PITCH-BLACK ROOM...
SINCE NIGHT GIRL COMES FROM A SUNLESS WORLD, SHE'S RECOVERING HER SIGHT IN THIS LIGHTLESS ROOM!
WHO'S THERE? WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE SIDEWALK?
IT'S KARATE KID AND BRAINIAC 5! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE WALK! ULTRA BOY FIXED IT BEFORE ANYONE ON IT WAS HURT! BUT YOU WERE HYSTERICAL! CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED NOW?
SURE, KID! LISTEN ...


AFTER NIGHT GIRL HAS TOLD HER STORY...
METRO MEDI-CENTER
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT ULI HAS STUDIED US THOROUGHLY! SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT OUR POWERS AND HOW TO COUNTER THEM!
SO THE THING TO DO IS NOT TO USE THEM! I HAVE AN IDEA...BUT YOU AND THE OTHERS AT OUR BASE WILL HAVE TO HELP ME!
ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, BRAINIAC 5, KARATE KID, ULTRA BOY AND PHANTOM GIRL WORK. AND THE NEXT DAY...
I'M BREAKING IN ON YOUR COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS, LEGIONNAIRES! YESTERDAY I BEAT FOUR OF YOUR PALS... NOW I'M CHALLENGING YOU!
I EXPECTED THIS...AND WE'RE READY!
OKAY...BUT WE'LL PICK THE BATTLE-GROUND! MEET US IN SIX EARTH-HOURS, ON THE ASTEROID TALUS!
FIVE HOURS LATER, A LEGION SHIP APPROACHES TALUS, AN ARTIFICIAL ASTEROID MADE OF THE WRECKS OF JUNKED SPACESHIPS... A COSMIC JUNKYARD...
THERE'S THE PLACE, BRAINY! CAN WE INSTALL EVERYTHING IN TIME?
SURE, KID! THE EQUIPMENT'S ALL READY...WE CAN HAVE IT IN PLACE IN THIRTY MINUTES!
FIFTY THREE MINUTES AFTER.
HERE SHE COMES!
AND WE'RE READY FOR HER!
HELLO, HEROES! THIS PLACE WAS CREATED AS A GRAVEYARD FOR SPACESHIPS ...BUT NOW IT WILL BE YOURS!
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WELL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO MAKE YOUR MOVE?
YOU DON'T KNOW IT, LADY, BUT WE HAVE! I DESIGNED PARTS ON EARTH THAT WE USED TO ROBOTIZE THE WRECKS! THEY'LL FORM A PRISON AROUND HER!
A CAGE...OF ENERGY BOLTS...BEING SHOT AROUND ME FROM THOSE ROCKET-TUBES! AND THE WRECKS ARE RISING ON ALL SIDES! I MUST COUNTER WITH ONE OF MY BELT GADGETS!
AH! THAT DOES IT! THE ENERGY BOLTS ARE BEING DIVERTED TO THE CYBERN-CENTERS--WHICH CONTROL THE ROBOT WRECKS!
WHAT HAPPENED? THE ANIMATED WRECKS ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER!
YES! THE BANDS PERFORMED A SORT OF ELECTRONIC BRAIN SURGERY ON THEM! YOU MIGHT CALL IT A ROBOTOMY! HA, HA! THAT MADE THEM GO WILD! SO LONG...FOR NOW!

FOLLOWING A SWIFT FLIGHT TO EARTH, ULI'S SHIP SETS DOWN IN MIDWAY CITY, NOW A LONG-DESERTED RUIN, DESTROYED CENTURIES BEFORE BY AN ATOMIC WAR...
WHO'D THINK OF LOOKING FOR ME HERE? PEOPLE HAVE SHUNNED THIS PLACE SO LONG THAT THEY DON'T YET KNOW THE DANGEROUS RADIATION HAS DIED DOWN TO A SAFE LEVEL.
I WASN'T ABLE TO HARM ANY LEGIONNAIRES THIS TIME, BUT AT LEAST I FOILED THEIR PLAN TO CAPTURE ME! I'LL GET THEM ALL YET, THOUGH, FOR SENDING ME TO PRISON!
HOWEVER, WHEN ULI HAS LEFT, A STOWAWAY SLIPS OUT OF THE BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT...
BRAINY THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING. IN CASE HIS ROBOTS FAILED, HE HAD ME HIDE ON THE ASTEROID AND SLIP INTO THE FLYER SO I COULD FIND ULI'S HIDEOUT!
WITH HER WRIST COMMUNICATOR, PHANTOM GIRL NOTIFIES LEGION HEADQUARTERS OF HER POSITION, BUT...
...SO GET TO MIDWAY CITY, PRONTO!
OH-OH! I'VE BEEN SPOTTED! I'LL HAVE TO BECOME IMMATERIAL SO ULI CAN'T BLAST ME!
TOO LATE! WHEN THE GHOSTLY GIRL TRIES TO USE HER POWER, IT IS JAMMED BY ULI'S BELT AS A RADIO SIGNAL IS DISTORTED BY STATIC...
EEEEAAARRGGHH!
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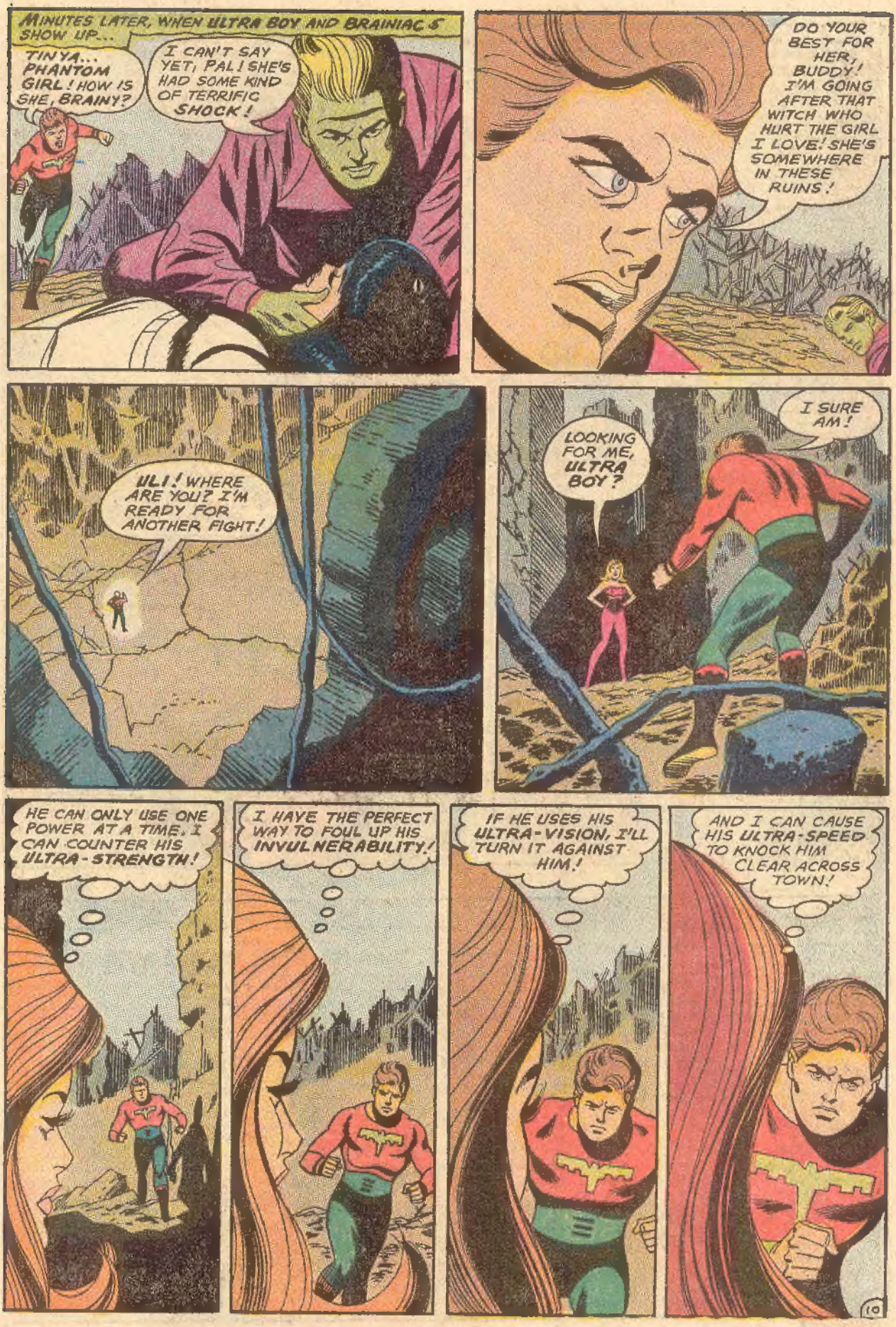
MINUTES LATER, WHEN ULTRA BOY AND BRAINIAC 5 SHOW UP...
TINYA... PHANTOM GIRL! HOW IS SHE, BRAINY?
I CAN'T SAY YET, PAL! SHE'S HAD SOME KIND OF TERRIFIC SHOCK!
DO YOUR BEST FOR HER, BUDDY! I'M GOING AFTER THAT WITCH WHO HURT THE GIRL I LOVE! SHE'S SOMEWHERE IN THESE RUINS!
ULI! WHERE ARE YOU? I'M READY FOR ANOTHER FIGHT!
LOOKING FOR ME, ULTRA BOY?
I SURE AM!
HE CAN ONLY USE ONE POWER AT A TIME. I CAN COUNTER HIS ULTRA-STRENGTH!
I HAVE THE PERFECT WAY TO FOUL UP HIS INVULNERABILITY!
IF HE USES HIS ULTRA-VISION, I'LL TURN IT AGAINST HIM!
AND I CAN CAUSE HIS ULTRA-SPEED TO KNOCK HIM CLEAR ACROSS TOWN!
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NOW THAT SHE'S DISARMED, I CAN USE MY ULTRA-STRENGTH AND MY FLIGHT-RING. I DIDN'T DARE TRY ANY POWERS BEFORE, WHILE HUNTING HER, FOR FEAR SHE'D TURN THEM AGAINST ME!

SHORTLY...
PHANTOM GIRL'S STILL A BIT WOOZY, BUT SHE'S COMING AROUND.
HOW DID YOU CATCH ULI... WHEN ALL OUR POWERS AND WEAPONS HAD FAILED?
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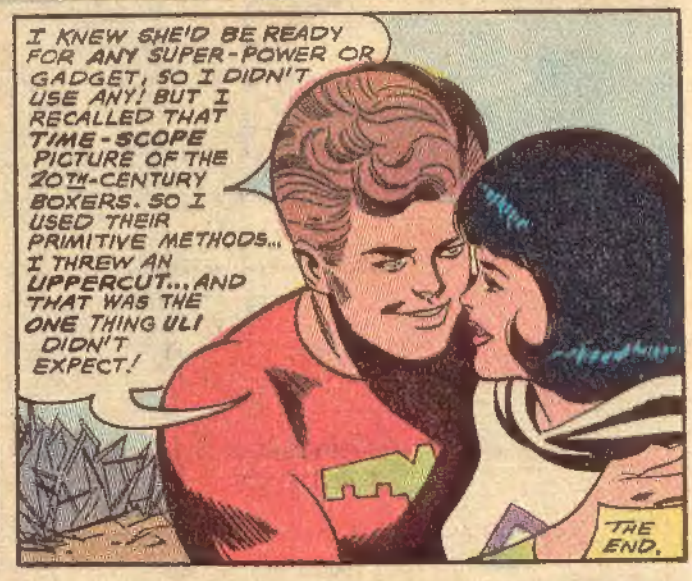
I KNEW SHE'D BE READY FOR ANY SUPER-POWER OR GADGET, SO I DIDN'T USE ANY! BUT I RECALLED THAT TIME-SCOPE PICTURE OF THE 20TH-CENTURY BOXERS. SO I USED THEIR PRIMITIVE METHODS... I THREW AN UPPERCUT... AND THAT WAS THE ONE THING ULI DIDN'T EXPECT!
THE END.

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